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*Truth in Packaging?*

# Spy Tales Elude CIA's Ex-Chief

**GREAT TRUE SPY STORIES**, edited by Allen Dulles. Giniger-Harper and Row. \$6.95.

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Perhaps it misses the point of something or other to quibble about truth in packaging in a book edited by a former head of the CIA, but few of the spy stories in this anthology are "great," and the editor admits he can't vouch that they are entirely "true."

But perhaps it is Dulles — television and movie character, the distinguished, pipe-smoking, cultured spy chief — who misses the point.

This was the man who guided America's intelligence operatives through (or into, if you prefer) such crises as the U2, the Bay of Pigs, the Saigon upheavals, the student spy capers, and heaven

knows what other ventures we never heard about.

His operations have at one time or another made three U.S. presidents appear as liars to the world. Of him, after the Bay of Pigs, President Kennedy could only wonder "how a man so intelligent could be so wrong."

Clearly, if Dulles chose to write candidly, he could give insights which might influence the nation's future conduct in international affairs.

This current parade of familiar old spies cut like paper dolls from yellowed newspaper clippings will interest some spy aficionados, but it isn't the book history demands of Allen Dulles.

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